WHAT IS A Land-Grant University?

A land-grant university (LGU) is a college or university that has special designation and receives federally mandated dollars based on the Morrill Acts of 1862, 1890, and subsequent legislation. LGUs were created to provide the population with practical education relevant to their daily lives.

Mission

Land-grant universities receive special legislative funding to complete the three-fold mission of research, teaching, and Extension.

Research

LGUs receive funding to conduct research related to agricultural and behavioral sciences.

Teaching

LGUs provide formal education in scientific fields related to agricultural and behavioral sciences.

Extension

Extension provides guidance to help communities solve everyday challenges.

What is Cooperative Extension?

Cooperative Extension is a partnership among the federal government, land-grant universities (LGU), and local communities. The goal of this partnership is to translate research into action.

Federal
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

State
LGU

Local
County Extension Offices

Extension uses non-formal education to help people solve problems and improve their lives in many areas.

Nutrition & Health
Agriculture
Community Development
Youth
Natural Resources

Extending knowledge - changing lives